

Regular Meeting Minutes–JULY 19, 2023

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:00 P. M. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Margaret Trujillo
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk
Attorney Jeff Rhodes-Absent

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Margaret Trujillo called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Trustee Garcia made a motion to accept the agenda. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments:

Janice Smotherman- Stated that she has some suggestions on the way that the board gives raises and how much you are giving to certain people. Also, when you are hiring someone brand new that is not certified that is gonna get paid more than someone that has multiple years of experience. Another thing look at your policies and procedures and consider revising them concerning employee discipline standards and how they are handled as she has seen a lot of inappropriate things recently and she doesn't agree with it and the city is never going to move forward until they start showing integrity and consistency in what they are doing.

3. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested to adopt FY23/24 Operating Budget, Resolution #2023-24-1. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

4. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested approval for the 4th Quarter FY Financial Report ending 6/30/2023, Resolution #2023-24-2. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

5. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested to approve Budget cleanup for FY 2022-23, ending on 6/30/2023, Resolution #2023-24-3. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

6. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for the approval of Resolution #2023-24-4 adoption of required CDBG required certifications and commitments. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

7. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for approval of Resolution #2023-24-5 authorizing the submission of a NM CDBG program application to the DFA and Local Government Division to update the Village of Tularosa Comprehensive Development Plan. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

8. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for a pay increase for Judith Aguirre in the amount of \$.44. Rebekah explained that this increase was in addition to the pay raise that was given in June to complete her \$1.00 pay raise. Judith was not given the whole dollar as we were under the assumption that she was capped out in pay.

9. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for the approval of the appointment of Teresa Chavez as Utility Billing Clerk at a pay rate of \$16.00hr. Rebekah stated that Teresa has been training and is doing an excellent job and is going to be an asset to the village. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

10. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Dean Lester as ACO at a pay rate of \$14.50hr. Chief stated that since Dean started that he has done really well with cleaning up the shelter and making contact with different vets. He has one cert already and is working on his next one. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

11. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Donald Galicia as Police Officer at a pay rate of \$18.50hr. Chief stated that Donald comes to us after 7 years in the Army and is still in the reserves now. He will be going to the academy in January. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

12. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Jarmin Williams as Police Officer at a pay rate of \$19.50hr. Chief Boyle stated that he is asking for the \$18.50 instead until he becomes certified in dispatch as well. Jarmin will also be going to the academy in January. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

13. Old Business:

Mayor Trujillo asked about a deposit refund check that was supposed to be issued to Stephanie Dubois from the Senior Center. Stephanie explained that she has never been reimbursed from renting the Senior Center back in January. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk stated that she did not know this had been an issue as it was the first-time hearing about it, and she will take care of it asap.

Mayor Trujillo also stated that she has an employee that is unable to use his vacation time and will lose it if not used. She stated that he is the only person that can operate the trash truck so we do not have someone to run the route other than him so that doesn't allow him to use his vacation time and wants to compensate him for it and pay him for his vacation he cannot use.

Mark stated that the village needs to fix those cables on the turn on Old Mescalero rd. because they have been broken for 6 months now. Mark stated that on google maps our road is considered a relief route and maybe we can get help from the government to fix that road. He stated that we are liable if someone gets hurt if they wreck into it. Mayor Trujillo stated that when they had

a meeting with Manon from NMDOT they explained that what we have up there right now is sufficient but if the village wants to look into getting something that is efficient than she has no problem with doing that. Mark stated that he will do some more research and find out what we need to do to get it in compliance.

Trustee Garcia asked if we were able to fill the position for the park's maintenance. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk stated that they have transferred Carlos Montoya from Animal Control to Parks part time mon-thurs from 6:30am to 11am. Mr. Garcia asked about opening the bathrooms in the parks. Rebekah stated that they do open them daily and, on the weekends, if someone calls, they will send someone to open them. She stated that leaving them open on weekends is not an option as people just destroy them.

14. New Business: Trustee Garwood stated that maybe the village should think about removing all the salt cedar from the creek as it sucks up a lot of water. Mayor Trujillo stated that it has been done before and would be a good idea. Garwood stated that he looked something up and maybe the state might be able to do it.

Trustee Cooksey asked about the signs for the one-way street on Granado as people are still driving the wrong way. Mayor stated that she will have Richard order them, a one way and a do not enter.

15. Adjourn: Trustee Cooksey made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk